



*THE PROMISE OF RUSH CITY SCHOOLS IS TO CREATE
GLOBAL CITIZENS WHO ARE LIFELONG LEARNERS*

Rush City Families;

August 28, 2020

As we draw close to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, you will find relevant information below. Please also watch for our Back-To-School newsletter to be released early next week, with even further information.

TRANSPORTATION:

Letters regarding transportation for your students were mailed out to families today. Your child's bus information for the 2020-2021 school year has been established based upon your transportation needs from last school year and the information collected through the recent surveys. If you do not receive a letter by early next week, this means our records indicate that you do not need district transportation services. If you do require transportation, or need to make a change to the information you received, please complete the [2020-2021 Student Transportation Information Form](#) and return it to mjohnson@rushcity.k12.mn.us or your child's school office.

Due to COVID-19 and to accommodate social distancing, we have reduced occupancy on our buses by adding additional routes. For this reason, please note that your pickup and drop off times may have changed substantially from last year. All staff and students will be required to wear a face covering on school transportation per Governor Walz Executive Orders. Also know that it is the parents responsibility to adhere to the [Minnesota Department of Health Decision Tree](#) for COVID-19 and to evaluate their child's health before allowing them to board district transportation. Any student showing symptoms must be kept home.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not have the flexibility to allow for daily bus passes for the 2020-2021 school year. If your child cannot ride their scheduled bus, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to arrange transportation.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Transportation Department at 320-358-3562 and leave a message. We will do our best to return your call as promptly as possible.

FOOD SERVICE:

Now is the time to apply for Educational Benefits, in other words free and reduced meals. Whether you feel you qualify or not, we ask that every family submit the application as it may help our school qualify for educational funds and discounts. Please remember that this application MUST be submitted every year. You may complete the [Educational Benefits Electronic Application](#) or print off the [Educational Benefits Paper Application](#), complete it, and return it to your child's school or District Office. If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the District Office at 320-358-4855.

DISTANCE LEARNING - MEAL PROGRAM:

Per guidance, meals will be offered to all students when using Distance Learning. It is important to know that the cost for the meal package is the same as the school meal prices. All meal packages will include both breakfast and lunch, and the cost will be deducted from your child's account. If you qualify for free or reduced meals, this benefit also applies to the Distance Learning Meal Program.

Meal pickup will be held every Wednesday at CE Jacobson Elementary - Door #10 (back of the building) between the hours of 9:30-11:30 am beginning September 9, 2020.

If you choose to use the Distance Learning Meal Program - you MUST contact your child's school office and provide them with your child's name and PIN number.

Full-Time Distance Learning

For students who have elected full-time Distance Learning, you will be eligible to receive five (5) meal packages (a breakfast and lunch for each day, Monday-Friday). You may pick up your **first week** of meal packages on **Tuesday, September 8th** at CE Jacobson Elementary - Door #10 (back of building) between the hours of 9:30-11:30 am. Beginning September 16th, meal package disbursement will be done on Wednesday of each week.



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In Person - Wednesday Distance Learning

As we begin the school year with the In Person Scenario, Wednesdays will be considered Distance Learning. You will be eligible to receive one (1) meal package (a breakfast and lunch for Wednesday only).

Hybrid Scenario

If we need to switch to a Hybrid Scenario, students will then be considered Distance Learning for three days each week and will be eligible to receive three (3) meal packages (a breakfast and lunch for each day they are Distance Learning).

Distance Learning Scenario - All Students

If we need to switch to a full Distance Learning Scenario for all students, meal package (5 breakfast & 5 lunch) disbursement will be handled as stated above for Full-Time Distance Learning.

As always, please reach out to us if you have questions. We look forward to seeing our students on Tuesday, September 8th.

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